



Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities (MCPD) Regular Meeting Minutes September 14, 2018

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (14 September 2018)

The City of Austin, Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on September 14, 2018 at the Board and Commission Room #1100 located inside City Hall at 201 W 2nd St in Austin, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Brian Owens called the September 14, 2018 meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities to order at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair, Brian Owens, Vice-chair Jonathan Franks, Commissioners robin Orlowski, Deborah Trejo, Chris Masey, Rachel Gandy, Joey Gidseg, Commissioners Absent: commissioners Sarah Webb, Diane Kearns-Osterweil, Danny Saenz, Kevin Jackson

Staff in Attendance: David Ondich, ADA Program Manager

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-chair Jonathan Franks made a motion to approve the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities August 10, 2018 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rachael Gandy. The motion passed unanimously.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: There were No citizen communications during the September 14, 2018 MCPD Regular Meeting.

3. Chair Owens requested that City Staff presentations be moved on the agenda prior to new business. There were no objections.

5B. Discussion: of dockless mobility devices – Jason JonMichael, Assistant Director over Smart Mobility, Austin Transportation Department. To view the entire presentation and Commissioners' comments, please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/09142018-966> and view item 5B.

NEW BUSINESS:

3A. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation that COA consider outreach and action on the blocking of sidewalks by the new bicycle and scooter rentals – Commissioners Masey and Gandy. Commissioner Masey would like to table any action until next month's meeting. To view the commissioners comments on this item in full please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/09142018-966> and view item 3A.

3B. Discussion and possible action of Chapter 380 with Economic Development Department – Commissioner Joey Gidseg and Rachael Gandy. Commissioner Gandy would like to get more information and make sure that persons with disabilities are part of the discussion. To view the complete presentation and commissioners' discussion on this item in full please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/09142018-966> and view item 3B.

3C. Discussion and possible action on recommending a property tax exemption for Austinites with disabilities – Chair Owens, Full Committee. Chair Owens indicated the issue required more research. Requested it be moved to a

future agenda. To view the complete discussion and commissioners' comments on this item in full please visit:

<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/09142018-966> and view item 3C

- 3D. **Discussion** of MCPD budget recommendations – Commissioner Deborah Trejo and Robin Orlowski. Commissioner Orlowski will discuss Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC) recommendations as they relate to MCPD. The joint meeting between the MCPD and the Commission on Seniors should include a workshop on future budget items/issues. To view the complete presentation and commissioners' discussion on this item in full please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/09142018-966> and view item 3D

4. COMMISSIONER BRIEFING

- 4A. **Report:** Joint Inclusion Committee Aug 2018 Meeting- Commissioner Robin Orlowski. To view the entire report, please visit: To view the entire presentation and Commissioner's comments, please visit <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/09142018-966> and view item 3D.

5. STAFF BRIEFING

- 5A. **Report:** Activities of the ADA Program Office, including Title I and Title II, David Ondich, ADA Program Manager. David gave the report and there were no questions from the commissioners. To view the report in full please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/09142018-966> and view item 5A.

6. Commissioner Announcements

- 6A. Chair Owens encouraged committee members to nominate businesses for Disability Employer Award;
- 6B. Commissioner Orlowski reported on Transportation Working Group – Over-crowding on busses, no room for wheelchairs;
- 6C. Commissioner Gidseg announced that Commissioner Court will be voting on budget. Includes healthcare for lower SES populations. Possibly getting rid of healthcare plan;
- 6D. Vice-chair Franks announced that White Cane Day will be held on October 17, 2018 at the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. To view all Commissioner announcements in full please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/09142018-966> and view item 6.

7. Future Agenda Items

- 7A. Commissioner Chris Masey requested a Sidewalk Plan update;
- 7B. Chair Brian Owens requested a discussion of a Property Tax exemption for persons with disabilities;
- 7C. Committee must approved the 2019 regular meeting schedule;
- 7D. Joint Commission on Seniors has requested the February 2019 meeting to be the joint meeting of the MCPD and the COS. To view all future agenda items and Commissioners' comments in full please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/09142018-966> and view item 7&8.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** 6:59pm Chair Brian Owens made a motion to adjourn the September 14, 2018 meeting of the MCPD. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jonathan Franks. The motion passed unanimously.